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In re Application of :
Kobayashi et al. :
Application No. 10/534,760 : LETTER REGARDING
Filed: July 5, 2005 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket No. 036910-0114 :

This is in response to the "COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed June 24, 2008. Pursuant to their duty of candor and good faith to the Office, applicants disclose that the initial determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance of sixty-two (62) days disagrees with their own calculation.

The request for review of the patent term adjustment is GRANTED.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is forty-four (44) days. A copy of the updated PALM screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On March 25, 2008, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 62 days. Applicants do not state a basis for their disclosure that the initial determination of patent term adjustment of 62 days is incorrect.

A review of the record reveals that in response to the final Office action mailed April 19, 2007, applicants did not file a response in compliance with §1.113(c) until August 6, 2007,

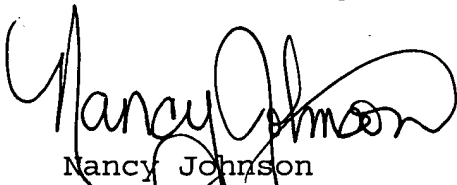
three months and 18 days later. As such, a period of reduction of 18 days is being entered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.704(b).

In view thereof, the correct initial determination of the patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is forty-four (44) days.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in Applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks Applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of a patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded and the period is not consumed by the request for continued examination).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

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Nancy Johnson
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Enclosure: Copy of REVISED PALM Screen

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/534760

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